

RAILROAD NEWS
FROM ALL POINTS.

Baltimore and Ohio to Place Block Signals Between Chicago and Ohio River.

MANY HUNDRED SEMAPHORES.

Installation of System Will Call for Increase in Telegraph Operators—Road for Hon-duras—Notes.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—A complete system of block signals is to be installed on all lines of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad between Chicago and the Ohio River. What is known as the Manual pattern of signal will be used, and they will be placed at all important stations and at intermediate points where business is heavy. When the work shall have been finished the road will be equipped with several hundred of the semaphores.

"A block signal system will be established on the lines north of the Ohio River, with the object of furthering safety of travel," said an officer of the road. "The Baltimore and Ohio line north of the river has never been equipped with these safety devices, though the system south or east of the river has been provided with them for several years. The experiment on the eastern half of the system has been so satisfactory that the officers of the company decided to duplicate the signals north of the river. The block signals do not prevent the operation of a railroad—that is, they do not allow trains to be run any faster—in fact, they are impediments to fast running, but by being installed they save the lives of conservators of travel. The prime and really only object of the block is safety. On a single-track road they are absolutely necessary. They will be used principally for passenger trains—that is, they will serve as blocks to this class of trains and will be used as cautionary signals to freight trains."

The installation of the block system on the Baltimore and Ohio will necessitate an increase in telegraph operators, those now employed being used to handle the signals. The expense of the new system on the lines west of the Ohio River will be about \$12,000.

SHEPHERD EXTENSION.

Some Advantages Gained by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

The extension of the service of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad to Shepherd, La., promises to be one of great benefit to that city and the section of which it is the principal market. The first freight train into Shepherd by the new route was recently sent over the line, and carried food, coal, wheat and miscellaneous freight.

By its new connection Shepherd will be brought into close contact with a large area of Northeastern Texas, as well as the Indian Territory, and its shipping and retail trade will undoubtedly be greatly increased, while the possibilities are that it will become a much more important lumber center than it is at present. But a few years ago the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf, now the Kansas City Southern, was extended to Shepherd, with the result that it secured a direct route to tidewater. The very important connection between the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and the city is now located on one of the most important east and west trunk lines, as well as one of the principal north and south systems of the country.

BRIDGE AT LOUISVILLE.

Purchased by the B. & O. S. W., Monon and Southern Railways.

Official announcement has been made that the Monon, in connection with the Baltimore and Ohio, the Southern Railway and the Indiana and Ohio Southern, has purchased the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge at Louisville. The purchase price was \$750,000, the purchase money being paid in installments. The bridge company prior to its going into the hands of a receiver.

The bridge property crosses the river into Louisville at a point near New Albany. The Monon will use this bridge for its freight, but will use the out and back Louisville bridge for its passenger service. The name of the bridge company has been changed by the new owners to the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge and Railroad Company. F. S. Gannon, of the Southern has been elected president of the new company. Mr. Gannon, who has been president of the Monon since its formation, is a well-known Louisville business man. The joint owners expect to spend some money upon the bridge property and put it in perfect repair.

MILITARY POOL.

Eastern Lines Making the Government Pay Well for Troops.

Eastern trunk lines have entered into a combination for the transportation of troops. The fact was evidenced on the 10th, when the Government offered bids for the transportation of several battalions from the neighborhood of Washington to San Francisco. One bid was made by the combination of the Baltimore and Ohio, the Pennsylvania, the New York Central and the Erie. The bid was for \$100,000, and it was so high that the officials climbed on the roof to see it. The bid was for the Southern road, and offered to carry the soldiers for \$40,000 each. From October to the Southern Pacific will get \$23 first class and \$18 second class, making the rate for Washington to San Francisco. The difference between the combination and no combination is seen when it is known that the rate for the transportation of troops to and from the same places was \$14.60 second class.

SAFETY APPLIANCES.

Interstate Commerce Commission Men on the Lookout.

It is reported that secret agents of the Interstate Commerce Commission are in the city for the purpose of securing evidence against railroads for violation of the law requiring airbrakes on all freight cars in service. Despite the repeated extensions of time allowed the railroads to properly equip their cars, a number not properly equipped are to be found in the yards of every railroad company. The law provides that every car in use for the use of a car not supplied with airbrakes and automatic couplers. In cases where cars are found to be in violation of the law, the Interstate Commerce Commission is not likely that any complaint would be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, but it is stated that willful violations will be punished to the extent of the law.

Tennessee Central Construction.

The difficulties attending the construction of the Tennessee Central Railroad are referred to by the Railway Review in an elaborate illustrated article. The country through which this road is to be constructed is one of the most difficult for railroad construction. Already, however, about thirty-five miles have been completed. A number of large bridges have been built, while a considerable amount of tunnel work is required. The highest and longest bridge on the line includes 1,115 feet of wooden trestle and about 40 feet of steel viaduct. Its greatest height above the water level is 90 feet long, and is excavated through solid rock. The entire length of the line is to be 235 miles. It is being built by a company of which Jere Baxter of Nashville is president.

May Elect T. K. Scott.

General Manager T. K. Scott of the Georgia Railroad may become the vice president of the Plant system. This is the story about among the Plant system people, who believe that the recent election of Morton F. Plant to the vice presidency of the Plant system is to hold good for but a short time. The annual election of directors of the Plant system will be held in the early fall, but it is not likely, so the story goes, that Mr. Scott will then be chosen. It is believed that he will be chosen as vice president of the Georgia Railroad will not have expired. It is said Mr. Scott was approached by the Georgia Railroad to be elected as its president. He is now in Georgia, as his contract with that road will not expire until January 1.

Erie and Western in Trouble.

An alleged violation of the joint passenger agreement is attributed to the Lake Erie and Western. The agreement is being brought before the Joint Passenger Committee at a meeting to be held Sunday. According to report the Lake Erie and Western made an unauthorized rate for glass-

Mill Lengths of Dress Goods!

Entire product of a New England manufacturer bought at exactly 50c on the Dollar, and on sale to-morrow in our basement! Lengths range from 2 to 10 yards and comprise all colors, including plenty of black and dark shades. Handsome Serges, Henriettas, Coverts, Nuns' Veilings and many other popular weaves, at these quick-selling prices. They'll cost at least 25 per cent more if bought later:

- Lot 1—Pretty Nuns' Veiling, in pink, blue, cream, lavender, black, etc.—regular 18c goods, at..... 9c
- Lot 2—Fine Cashmeres, in all colors and black—worth fully 25c—in this sale, per yard..... 12½c
- Lot 3—Four cases of Henriettas, in blue, cream, black—29c is the usual price—in this sale, at..... 15c
- Lot 4—36-inch English Storm Serges, in all colors and black—well worth 30c—Sale Price, per yard..... 19c

We Willing! Lose Profits to Gain Room!

Extraordinary reductions for Monday. All summer garments marked for quick disposal, regardless of everything except our immediate need of room for the new fall goods. A tour of all stores in St. Louis will not discover values that can even approach these.

Shirt Waists of fast-color percale in pink, blue or lavender, with French backs and soft flaring cuffs—recently sold at 69c—Monday, each..... 15c

An old lot of Colored Percale Shirt Waists previously sold at 75c—choice of all sizes Monday at..... 25c

Pretty Colored Shirt Waists of Percales, Gingham, Madras and Chambray—some plain, others prettily trimmed—original prices were \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50—your choice at..... 49c

Monday we offer you choice of any Colored Shirt Waist in our entire stock regardless of cost or former price—many of them originally sold at \$3.00—take your choice Monday at..... 98c

White Lawn Waists in newest styles at the following big reductions:

- \$1.50 White Waists now..... 49c
- \$2.00 White Waists now..... 75c
- \$2.50 White Waists now..... 98c
- \$3.00 and \$4.00 Waists now..... \$1.48

Wash Skirts of Linen Crash, Pique, Galatee, Coverts and Denims, trimmed with braid or insertions—formerly sold up to \$3.00—choice..... 98c

100 new Rainy-Day Skirts of All-Wool Plaid-Back Material in Gray, Blue or Oxford, inverted pleat back, nicely finished seams and 8 rows stitching at bottom—sold elsewhere at \$6.00—our price..... \$3.98

Handsome Taffeta Silk Dress Skirts (like illustration) with two plain flairs trimmed with rows of velvet ribbon—good percale lining—worth fully \$15.00—Monday..... \$9.98



More Remarkable Bargains in Our Cool, Airy Basement.

No matter how large the crowds attracted by these matchless offerings, you will now find our basement as comfortable as any other floor, thanks to a new and effective system of ventilation whereby a current of cool, fresh air is constantly forced through the entire space.

- White Goods—Of good quality, in fancy checks and plaids, worth 10c..... 5c
- India Linen—49-inch White India Linen, worth 20c, at..... 12½c
- Long Cloth—Splendid quality soft-finish English Long Cloth, in 12-yard lengths—worth \$1.75—from 8 to 10, 12 yards for..... 98c
- Lawn—All-Linen White Dress Lawn, worth 35c, at..... 15c
- Napkins—Large linen-fringed Dinner Napkins, worth \$1.25 per dozen, at, each..... 5c
- 20x21-inch All-Linen German Dice Pattern Napkins, worth \$1.50, at, per dozen..... 89c
- Table Sets—Fancy white cloth, 2½ yards long, with red border, and one dozen napkins to match, worth \$2.75—Monday, set..... \$1.98
- Fancy Linens—Hemstitched, embroidered and open-work squares and tray cloths, worth up to 75c, at..... 35c
- Swiss—Imported Dotted Swiss, having white ground with pink, blue, lavender or yellow dots, worth..... 12½c
- Dress Linen—Good quality Brown Dress Linens, worth 35c, at..... 15c
- White Flannel—Plain White Wool Flannel, worth 35c, at..... 19c
- Crash—Heavy 18-inch Huck Roll-Towel, worth 8½c, at..... 5c
- Lawn—Fancy Corded and Printed Dress Lawns, worth 7½c, at..... 3c
- Solid Colored Navy Blue Corded Lawns, Lace Grenadines and Corded Batistes, worth up to 20c..... 6½c
- Madras—33-in. finest striped Madras Shirting, worth 25c, at..... 7½c
- Black Satin—32-in. Solid Black Dress Satin, worth 15c, at..... 7½c
- Skirtings—Imported Duck Skirtings in navy blue stripes and gray mixtures—imported to sell at 25c—Monday at..... 10c
- Fluslin—Good 36-inch Bleached Muslin, worth 7½c, at..... 5c
- Cambrie—Yard-wide Wamsutta Mills Bleached Cambrie, worth 10c..... 6c
- Muslin—Genuine Fruit of the Loom yard-wide Twilled Muslin, worth 12½c, at..... 7½c
- Sheeting—Bleached Sheet, 2½ yds. wide and worth 25c—Monday, at, per yard..... 17½c
- Spreads—Large double-bed size Crochet White Spreads, in Marseilles patterns, worth 90c, at, each..... 69c

blowers from Indiana points to New York and routed its passengers in a way that was forbidden. The movement of thousands of passengers from the Lake Erie and Western to the Lake Erie and Western from there to New York via the West Shore.

Railroad for Honduras.

New York, Aug. 11.—Sir David Wilson, Governor of British Honduras, is in the city for the purpose of securing evidence against railroads for violation of the law requiring airbrakes on all freight cars in service. Despite the repeated extensions of time allowed the railroads to properly equip their cars, a number not properly equipped are to be found in the yards of every railroad company. The law provides that every car in use for the use of a car not supplied with airbrakes and automatic couplers. In cases where cars are found to be in violation of the law, the Interstate Commerce Commission is not likely that any complaint would be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, but it is stated that willful violations will be punished to the extent of the law.

Honors to a Train Dispatcher.

Texarkana, Ark., Aug. 11.—George Geiger, chief train dispatcher for the construction division of the Kansas City Southern, at this place, was taken from a sick bed to-day and carried to Mineral Wells, Tex., to regain his health. From there he will take a month's tour of the United States, the railroad company bearing all expenses and allowing his salary to run. The company many of its appreciation of his valuable services. Mr. Geiger has been down for the past five weeks with slow fever.

Personal and Current Notes.

S. F. Kane, general passenger agent of the Washburn, left last night for Detroit.

Bryan Snyder, general passenger agent of the St. Louis and San Francisco, has gone East.

Officers of the Oregon Railroad.

Headquarters in Louisville, with headquarters at Louisville, Mr. Phelps has been assistant superintendent of the Nashville division for many years.

Officers of the Oregon Railroad Company have decided to begin construction at once. Leaving the Oregon and California Southern Pacific at a point just north of Klamath River the line will traverse a heavy timber belt north of that river and a fairly direct route reach Klamath Falls in the Oregon lake region. The estimate of the cost is \$2,100,000. The company is bonded for \$1,000,000.

The Shipments of Fruit to the North.

The shipments of fruit to the North by way of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway have been extremely heavy this year. During one day recently two carloads of melons alone were sent to the North, leaving the wagon heavily loaded with melons and thirty-seven carloads of pears were carried.

W. G. Bestler has been appointed.

W. G. Bestler has been appointed superintendent of the Lebanon division of the Philadelphia and Reading in place of A. M. Wilson, resigned.

Section foremen on the Grand Trunk

MATINEE TICKETS.

With every purchase at Grand-Leader we give FREE a ticket admitting lady to seat in reserved section at Suburban Garden—good for any matinee, except on Sundays or holidays.



FASTEST GROWING STORE IN AMERICA—BROADWAY and WASHINGTON.

POST OFFICE.

A substitution of the U. S. P. O. Department has been established on our main floor, where our patrons can obtain stamps, postal cards, postal orders, registered mail, etc., etc.

Our buyers are purchasing immense stocks of Fall Goods, for which room must be made AT ONCE! Values, prices and profits are all ignored to-morrow in a desperate attempt to clear out all Summer Goods at whatever sacrifice.

Laces, Veilings, Etc.

- In Basement—Pretty Embroideries and Insertions, formerly sold up to 10c, but having become slightly soiled we close them out Monday, at, per yard..... 2½c
- French Valenciennes Laces and Beadings, up to 1 inch wide, and really worth 25c; Monday, per doz. yds..... 15c
- Main Floor—All our prettiest neckwear novelties, including Chiffon and Lace Ties, Jabots and Fancy Stock Collars, sold originally up to \$2.00; choice, Monday..... 39c
- Fine Veilings, in black, cream and colors; actually worth up to 50c; at, per yard..... 10c

Summer Clothing.

For Boys and Young Men—3d floor.

- Crash Suits—For Boys and Young Men of 15 to 20 years of age; Monday's Special Clearance Price..... \$1.95
- Wash Suits—For Boys of 3 to 8 years, made of fine Galatee, handsomely trimmed and sold regularly at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50; Monday..... 85c
- Coats—And Coats and Vests made of all-wool navy blue and black serge, and well worth \$5.00; Monday, to close them out..... \$2.45

Undermuslins.

Good Muslin Gowns, Chemises, Umbrella Skirts and Drawers in new styles, tastefully trimmed with embroidery and laces—worth 98c and 99c—choice..... 59c

Monday..... 75c

Infants' Shirts—For ages up to 3 years, made of silk with open fronts and pearl buttons, intended to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25, but as most of them are the least bit imperfect we offer you choice..... 69c

Monday..... 19c

Umbrella Skirts of fine muslin with deep linen flounce, finished with embroidery flounce and dust regular price \$1.25..... 75c

Monday..... 19c

Ladies' Plain White or Colored Border Handkerchiefs, also Men's Handkerchiefs with corded borders, worth 10c—Monday in basement, each..... 3c

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Men's—Seconds of men's fine Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs with pretty corded borders, worth up to 60c—Monday, on main floor, each..... 19c

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Gas Fixtures.

A lucky purchase enables us to offer these remarkable values. 'Twill pay you to buy now for future use.

36-in. one-light—polished brass..... 49c

Two-light—with globe..... 89c

Two-light—fancy center, with globe rings—\$1.48 and..... \$2.48

Three-light—fancy centers, with globe rings—at \$1.85, \$2.85..... \$3.85

Gas Wall Brackets—stiff, each..... 19c

Gas Wall Brackets—swing, each..... 29c

Lace Curtains.

59c per pair for \$1.10 plain white fluted Swiss curtains, full width and 3 yards long.

69c per pair for \$1.25 Nottingham Lace Curtains, 46 inches wide and 3½ yards long.

\$1.00 per pair for \$1.50 Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long and 54 inches wide.

\$1.39 per pair for \$2.50 Scotch Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long and 60 inches wide.

\$1.75 per pair for \$3.00 Scotch Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long and 60 inches wide.

\$2.50 per pair for \$4.00 Irish Point Lace Curtains, 56 inches wide and 3½ yards long.

\$3.50 per pair for \$5.00 Irish Point Lace Curtains, with open-work borders.

How Mandarin's of China Wax Rich.

customs, like inland transit dues, native customs and land transfer fees, licenses, special levies, etc.

Corruption in Yang-Tse District.

A vast amount of peculation is said to go on in the Yang-tse provinces, which show a greatly diminished revenue from this source. The officials pretend that the land is still suffering from the devastation created by the Tai Ping rebellion, whereas almost the whole of it has been reclaimed and is yielding abundant crops. That is, of course, a more serious form of embezzlement than that tacitly encouraged by the central authorities as it deprives the Imperial Government of the legitimate tax.

Two provinces, Kiang-su and Che-kiang, pay tribute in rice. The local officials, in order to make as good a thing out of it as possible, collect the tax in copper "cash" and then purchase the rice in the open market as advantageously as they can. The profit on the transaction finds its way, of course, into the pockets of the mandarins. The farmers are the people who suffer by this method of collecting the tax, as they are made to pay not only the price of the grain, but the extravagant cost of transit to the capital and the fees incidental to its expedition.

A large sum of money is, in fact, squandered by these provinces in transporting the rice to Peking, everybody being concerned in making as much out of it as possible. The total amount of grain tax paid into the provincial treasury is estimated at \$5,000,000, of which sum four-fifths reach Peking.

Foreign Salt Barred.

It has often been suggested that China should raise additional funds by permitting the importation of foreign salt, but the Government has not seen its way clear to interfere with the enormous vested interests in the present monopoly.

The salt supply is administered by the division of the country into seven principal districts, each of which possesses the sole right of salt production, and it is not permissible to dispose of any salt outside of the district in which it has been produced, except under special circumstances. Everybody is at liberty to manufacture as much salt as he pleases, but he is obliged to sell it either to Government officials or to licensed salt merchants. The general system is, however, for the officials of the salt department to purchase the salt of the producers and sell it to the licensed merchants at a remunerative price.

The consumer is made to pay for his salt nearly nine times the price at which the Government purchases it from the producer, yet no more than a quarter of this enormous profit is stated as revenue—that is to say, three-quarters of the gross profits on the sale of salt are swallowed up by the expenses of administration, etc., a proportion which, like everything else connected with Chinese finance, can only be explained by the colossal dishonesty of the officials. The

Advance Sale of Embroidered Spachtels.

A shipment just received from St. Gall, Switzerland, and on sale for first time to-morrow, including a special assortment of handsome Embroidered Spachtel Scarfs, 1½ yards long or 32 inches square, in hundreds of new and striking styles and patterns. Two lots.

- Lot 1—Embroidered Spachtel Scarfs, worth fully 60c, at..... 29c
- Lot 2—Embroidered Spachtel Scarfs, worth up to \$1.25, at..... 50c
- Doyles—2,000 dozen pretty embroidered Spachtel Doyles, 7½ inches, each..... 4c
- 1,000 dozen embroidered Spachtel Doyles, in beautiful patterns, 9½ inches, each..... 9c
- Embroidered Spachtel Doyles, 12x12 inches—a splendid assortment of patterns—worth 12c—Monday, each..... 12½c
- Mats—Pretty embroidered Spachtel Mats, 16x16 inches—worth 25c, at, each..... 25c
- Squares—24-inch Imported Spachtel Squares—worth 85c, at, each..... 50c
- Dresser Sets—Consisting of scarf 1½ yards long, one mat 12 in. by 8 square, and two doilies 7 in. square. Each set three lots at, per set..... 98c, 75c, 59c

A Sale of Best Summer Shoes.

The best products of America's foremost makers—Ladies' stylish summer shoes and Oxfords, superior in appearance, in comfort and in wearing qualities. There has been some marvelous selling here during the past week—the wonder is how such bargains can continue—how much longer is uncertain, but we are sure of these splendid offers for Monday:

Special From 8 to 9 A. M. Monday.

85 pairs of Ladies' Sample Shoes, in one size only—4 A—made of fine tan kid and calf, in hand turns and Goodyear welts, with cloth or kid tops and Louis XV or military heels—regular \$3, \$4 and \$5 shoes—only one pair to a customer and only for the